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SUBJECT: GAO TEXTILE AGREEMENT INQUIRY

1. AT REQUEST OF MEMBER WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, GAO WILL
REVIEW PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 5 COSTS TO U.S. CONSUMER OF
TEXTILE IMPORT VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS. TO THIS
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END, GAO REPRESENTATIVE DOUGLAS WEST PLANS VISIT HONG KONG

AND TAIPEI DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 21-28. IN PARTICULAR, WEST WILL ASSESS HOST GOVERNMENT QUOTA ALLOCATION PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE IF THESE RESULTING IN INCREASED COSTS TO U.S. CONSUMERS.

2. IN VIEW BILATERAL TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS WITH GROC (STATE 145381) SCHEDULED FOR APPROXIMATELY SAME PERIOD AS WEST'S VISIT AND PENDING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HONG KONG, GAO HAS AGREED WEST WILL CONFINE HIS INQUIRY EXCLUSIVELY TO U.S. PERSONNEL AT MISSION. EMBASSY/CONGEN REQUESTED FOR OBVIOUS REASONS KEEP FACT OF VISIT IN-HOUSE.

3. WEST HAS TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE. FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE ON DEPARTMENT AND POST RELATIONS WITH GAO SEE 4 FAM 930-934. ADVISE DEPARTMENT IF ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS ARISE DURING CONDUCT OF STUDY. ROGERS

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